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Office Action Summary

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KONDO ET AL.

Examiner

William L. Bashore

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: original application filed 9/22/2003, IDS filed 9/22/2003 and 12/18/2005.
2. Claims 1-14 pending. Claims 1, 7, 8, 9 are independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leak et al. (hereinafter Leak), U.S. Patent No. 6,182,072 filed 3/26/1997, in view of Yoda (hereinafter Yoda), U.S. Patent No. 5,890,173 filed 11/20/1996.**

In regard to independent claim 1, Leak teaches a WebTV network client (a communication terminal) (Leak column 3 lines 52-65; compare with "*A communication terminal used in a state where the communication terminal is connected to a network, comprising:*").

Leak teaches accessing a Web page, said accessing based upon information from a currently downloaded Web page, or from a Web search engine result (Leak column 6 lines 25-36; compare with "*an access unit configured to access a predetermined Web page through the network on the basis of access data for accessing the predetermined Web page;*").

Leak does not specifically teach a “*printing unit*” for printing on a medium. However, Yoda teaches a print apparatus whereby hypermedia documents corresponding to links on a page are printed (typically on sheets of paper) (Yoda Abstract – at bottom, column 5 lines 52-67, column 6 lines 1-7; compare with “*a printing unit configured to print a predetermined image on a printing medium;*”). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply Yoda to Leak, providing Leak the benefit of printing hypermedia documents in a form that is easy for a user to use (see Yoda Abstract – at bottom).

Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that the analyzed hypertext links (character strings) can be identified from results of a conventional Web search engine, which typically incorporate user inputted keyword queries (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13; compare with “*a reading unit configured....keywords and character strings;*”).

Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that the analyzed hypertext links (character strings) can be identified from results of a “conventional” Web search engine, which typically incorporate images and user inputted keyword queries (i.e. Google, etc.) (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13). Leak does not specifically teach printing said character strings and keywords displayed in input boxes (i.e. printing a typical Google result page). However, Yoda teaches a print apparatus whereby hypermedia documents (home pages) and/or documents corresponding to links on a page are printed (typically on sheets of paper) (Yoda Abstract – at bottom, column 5 lines 52-67, column 6 lines 1-7; compare with “*a first print instruction unit....image of the Web page accessed by the access unit;*”, and “*a read instruction unit....from the first print instruction unit;*”). It is additionally noted that Web pages are typically printed by default with its URL character string (typically at top, or bottom, of said page). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply Yoda’s printing of pages gleaned from URLs on a page to Leak’s display of pages from a search engine result, providing Leak the benefit of printing hypermedia documents in a form that is easy for a user to use (i.e. printing all pages listed on a “hit list” from a search engine result page (see Yoda Abstract – at bottom).

Leak teaches that results (displayed Web pages) can be attained from a conventional Web search engine (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13). Since search results (i.e. Google, etc.) typically rely on initial user keyword input, Leak's character strings (URLs) are at least associated with a keyword(s) (compare with "*a record instruction unit...string with the keyword;*").

Leak teaches a keyword input unit (keyboard) (Leak column 4 lines 24-25; compare with "*a keyboard input unit configured to make the user enter an arbitrary keyword;*").

Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that the analyzed hypertext links (character strings) can be identified from results of a "conventional" Web search engine, which typically incorporate images and user inputted keyword queries (i.e. Google, etc.) (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13). Leak teaches displaying a sequence of generated (retrieved) Web pages from URLs of another Web page, such as results from a conventional search engine (Leak column 3 lines 1-5, column 7 lines 37-47; compare with "*a retrieval unit configured to retrieve a character string....recorded in the recording medium;*", and "*a first access instruction unit configured...detected by the retrieval unit;*").

Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that the analyzed hypertext links (character strings) can be identified from results of a "conventional" Web search engine, which typically incorporate images and user inputted keyword queries (i.e. Google, etc.) (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13). The Web pages are displayed in sequence accordingly. Leak does not specifically teach printing said display of sequenced Web pages. However, Yoda teaches a print apparatus whereby hypermedia documents (home pages) and/or documents corresponding to links on a page are printed (typically on sheets of paper) (Yoda Abstract – at bottom, column 5 lines 52-67, column 6 lines 1-7; compare with "*a second print instruction....from the first access instruction unit.*"). It is additionally noted that Web pages are typically printed by default with its URL character string (typically at top, or bottom, of said page). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply Yoda's printing of pages gleaned from URLs on a page to Leak's display sequence of pages

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from a search engine result, providing Leak the benefit of printing hypermedia documents in a form that is easy for a user to use (i.e. printing all pages listed on a “hit list” from a search engine result page (see Yoda Abstract – at bottom)).

In regard to dependent claim 2, Leak teaches user selection of a Web page that he/she would like to examine more closely (Leak column 8 lines 30-34).

In regard to dependent claim 3, Leak teaches a keyword input unit (keyboard) (Leak column 4 lines 24-25).

In regard to dependent claims 4, 5, Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that the analyzed hypertext links (character strings) can be identified from results of a “conventional” Web search engine, which typically incorporate images and user inputted keyword queries (i.e. Google, etc.) (Leak Abstract, column 6 lines 27-36, column 8 lines 5-13). It is noted that since typical Web search engines provide for multiple keyword input, it would be well within reason for the skilled artisan to use Leak in view of Yoda to print out a search results page with URLs (i.e. marked columns), along with associated (i.e. marked) keywords.

In regard to dependent claim 6, Leak teaches reading/displaying and analyzing a Web page for hyperlinks, and displays associated pages accordingly (Leak column 7 lines 35-46). It is noted that Web pages may be generated from a currently-downloaded Web page (and not utilizing a search engine) (Leak column 6 lines 26-36).

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In regard to independent claim 7, claim 7 incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 8, claim 8 reflects the computer program product comprising computer executable instructions used for implementing the apparatus as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 9, claim 9 reflects the system comprising computer executable instructions used for implementing the apparatus as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 10-14, claims 10-14 reflects the system comprising computer executable instructions used for implementing the apparatus as claimed in claims 2-6 respectively, and are rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Bashore whose telephone number is (571) 272-4088. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:30am - 8:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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